

LEST you forget we remind you to swat that mosquito—he costs the town money.

# The Evening Herald

NEXT thing is to get a sufficient number of recruits for the local companies.

## Congressional Houses Settle on an Army of 206,000 Men

Senate System of Organization Retained in Preference to That of Lower Chamber, Giving Greater Strength.

REGULAR LINE WILL BE MAINTAINED AT 160,000

President Authorized to Increase Divisions to War Strength of 254,000 Without Action by Lawmakers.

(By Evening Herald Leased Wire) Washington, May 12.—A regular army of 206,000 men at peace strength, capable of expansion to 254,000 men in time of war, was agreed upon today by house and senate committees on the army reorganization bill. The report will be submitted to both branches of congress for vote next week.

In the agreement on the regular army the senate bill system of organization was retained as a substitute for the house system, which would have recruited a maximum army of 110,000 men.

The regular line of the army, the bill now provides, can never go below 160,000, and its maximum strength in time of peace would be 175,000 officers and men. In this calculation, however, there are included 5,253 Philippine scouts, 6,409 in the quartermaster's corps, 1,290 in the medical department, 2,287 in the signal corps and 8,750 noncommissioned officers, a total of 31,000. Those added to the regular line of 175,000 men give a total regular army peace strength of 206,000. The president is authorized to increase the regular army divisions to maximum strength without congressional action.

Under the conference agreement the regular army would consist of sixty-five regiments of infantry, twenty-five regiments of cavalry, twenty-five regiments of field artillery, a coast artillery corps of 20,000 officers and men, a signal corps of 2,287 men including the aviation section, and seven regiments of engineers. In the aviation section the number of officers is increased from a total of 60 to 115, including one colonel, one lieutenant colonel, eight majors, twenty-four captains and 111 first lieutenants.

The organization plan contemplates attaining the full peace strength within five years as proposed in the original preparedness plan.

General officers of the line would be increased by four major generals and thirteen brigadier generals. The general staff of the army would be increased from thirty-four officers to fifty-two. The provision of the senate bill which would have placed two officers of the national guard on the general staff was strikingly odd, but provision was made for officers of the national guard to be assigned to civilian duties at government expense. An effort to give volunteer citizens in camp pay of enlisted men while in training camps, failed.

A provision for vocational training for men in the reserve army regiment of the secretary of war was left in the bill and the house proposed for government operation of nitrate manufacturing plants to cost not more than \$20,000,000 also was accepted. Selection of sites is left to the president. The product of the plants when not needed in war time may be sold for fertilizer under executive regulation.

Authority for the government to lease and operate private plants for manufacture of munitions of war in time of need is given, and the president is empowered to appoint a board of five men, two civilians and three army officers to investigate the advisability of establishment of government plants for their manufacture. The board would report before January 1, 1917.

The president is authorized to appoint a board to investigate the mobilization of industries in time of war. The regular army enlistment is fixed at seven years, three with the colors and four in reserve, but it enlisted men under military training in one year and wish to retire to the reserve they may be permitted, on proving efficiency and upon recommendation of superior officers.

Final agreement was reached on the long disputed measure after a short session of the conference committee. Another meeting will be held Monday to sign the report.

"I think that we have an excellent bill," said Chairman Chamberlain of the senate military affairs committee.

Chairman Ray of the house committee also praised the report and approved by both houses it is expected.

The volunteer reserve army of 261,000 men provided in the senate bill goes out leaving the reserve army to the national guard, which will be federalized according to provisions of the house bill. All officers and men of the guard must take oath of

allegiance to the United States as well as to the respective states.

## SARAH BERNHARDT APPEARS FOR THE MEN IN TRENCHES

Famous French Actress Gives Six Performances in Three Days for Soldiers at the Front; Returns Today.

(By Evening Herald Leased Wire) Paris, May 12 (U. P.).—Sarah Bernhardt returned today from the front, where she gave six performances in three days for the soldiers. "Nothing could be more moving," said Mme. Bernhardt. "That playing before such heroes. It was the incomparable event of my life. The warmth and brightness of their applause was most touching. I was delighted with my trip. I even played General D. to take me to a place near Point-A-Mousson which is heavily bombarded by the Germans. The general returned at first but then he disappeared. Since you must see it all. You are worthy women to be at the post of danger. I received that as the highest compliment that has ever been paid to me in my whole life."

## MURDERED MONK IS ACCUSED OF GRAFT PLOTTING

Gregory Rasputin Said in Mail Advices to Have Conspired to Aid Clique of Army Contractors.

(By Evening Herald Leased Wire) New York, May 12.—The report received by wireless from Berlin through the Overseas news agency that Gregory Rasputin, the Russian monk, who is reputed to have wielded a powerful mystic influence over Emperor Nicholas, has been assassinated, is consistent with the report here by the Associated Press, mail advices from its correspondent at Christiania, Norway, disclosing details of a plot to murder Rasputin. They were revealed by Helldorus, "the mad monk of Torshavn," a fantastic leader of the masses of the Volga region, who has figured prominently in the Rasputin case.

It was disclosed that Helldorus, who disappeared from Russia some time ago, is a refugee in Christiania, although once on the list of terms with Rasputin, he finally turned against him and denounced him as a wicked criminal influence and undertook to warn the imperial court of this "dangerous fiend." The result of this attack on the emperor's favorite was that Helldorus himself was cast into a monastery prison from which he was released only after having renounced the profession of a monk. In order to avoid further persecution he escaped to Sweden in a woman's garb in August, 1914, and is now living quietly in Christiania.

According to Helldorus, a representative of the Russian minister of the interior, Khvostoff, arrived in Christiania last January and proposed that Helldorus become party to a conspiracy to assassinate the monk. Khvostoff's envoy is said to have declared that Rasputin was working for a separate peace between Germany and Russia and being bought by wealthy Jews had secured for the Jews great contracts on supplies for the army.

Helldorus, desiring to learn the whole plot, posed as willing to enter the conspiracy and signed a contract to engage a band of murderers for six thousand rubles. One of the ladies in waiting at the court was to be a party to the conspiracy and give the signal by telephone for Rasputin to come to the court.

On February 12, Helldorus received a telegram advising Rasputin to be ready to be paid as soon as the plot was carried out. He then decided to reveal the whole affair and sent his wife with a written account of the plot to Petrograd, where she delivered it to the emperor. The latter sent word that she already knew the details of the affair.

Minister Khvostoff was forced to resign, but according to Helldorus, who had told the whole story here to the Norwegian public, conditions at the imperial court are such that a revolution or a revolution can clear the air.

## Twelve Horses to Start Today in Race Classic

Only Eight Owners Represented in Kentucky Derby; Largest Crowd Ever Present Is Expected to Attend.

(By Evening Herald Leased Wire) Louisville, Ky., May 12.—Twelve horses, the pick of 26 nominations made this spring, have been named over night to go to the post today in the forty-second annual running of the Kentucky Derby at Churchill Downs. The race is for three-year-olds at a mile and a quarter. It is worth approximately \$100,000. As in past years a free infield will be opened to the public and accommodations have been made at the track for 100,000 visitors. It is expected that the largest crowd that ever witnessed a derby will be present.

Early today it was indicated that the race would be run over a fast track and in that event horsemen predicted that the record of 2:03 2-5 will be broken.

First choice in the pari-mutuel betting it was indicated, will be A. K. Macomber's English entry, Star Hawk, and The Clock at odds of 2 to 1, with American south second at 12 to 5 and the Harry Payne Whitney entry third at 15 to 1.

The race is regarded, however, as the most open derby ever run and all of the horses that start will be wagered on. Huffer and Kimes probably will be held at the longest odds.

The feature of the race is that while twelve starters have been named, but only eight owners are represented, the being a criticism of two horses each.

## SPANISH RAILWAY STRIKE ABANDONED

(By Evening Herald Leased Wire) Madrid, May 12 (U. P.).—The general strike on all Spanish railways which had been set for May 20 has been called off. The points in dispute have been settled through compromise granted by the employers.

## METHODISTS NOT TO DECLARE FOR LABOR UNIONISTS

Portion of Social Service Committee Report Committing Church to Preference for Organized Men Eliminated.

(By Evening Herald Leased Wire) Saratoga Springs, N. Y., May 12.—By a vote of 147 to 250 the Methodist Episcopal general conference today eliminated that part of the report of the commission on social service which declared that a preference should be given union labor in all matters affecting employment, "as far as the rights of unorganized men are not infringed upon."

The question of whether the Methodist Episcopal church shall recognize labor unions in the endorsement of the preferential employment of union workmen was presented to the general conference of the church in seven-day debate was resumed upon the advice of adopting a report by the church social commission recommending such action.

## NINETEEN CARS TO PARTICIPATE IN 150-MILE TROPHY EVENT

(By Evening Herald Leased Wire) New York, May 12.—Nineteen of the fastest racing cars manufactured in the United States and abroad have been turned up for the 150-mile race for the Metropolitan trophy at the Sheepshead Bay speedway this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

Twenty thousand dollars is offered in prizes, and looking from the speed shown in the elimination trials, new records on this track are looked for.

## WOULD OBSERVE TODAY AS INDIAN FESTIVAL

(By Evening Herald Leased Wire) New York, May 12.—Patriotic organizations throughout the country have been asked by the Society of American Indians to observe this as American Indian day by holding field exercises.

## MRS. FUNSTON ACTIVE IN RED CROSS WORK

(By Evening Herald Leased Wire) San Antonio, Tex., May 12.—Mrs. Frederick Funston, wife of General Frederick Funston, commanding the southern department, has started Red cross branches in the south.

## CARRANZA GIVES NO INDICATIONS OF PRESSING FOR U. S. WITHDRAWAL

Arredondo Wires for Instructions as to Conduct of His Imminent Conference With Secretary Lansing.

VILLA REPORTED TO BE NEAR NEW MEXICO LINE

Bandit Said to Be Hiding Between Ascension and Culberson's Ranch, Within 100 Miles of Columbus.

(By Evening Herald Leased Wire) Washington, May 12.—General Carranza has given no indication, Special Agent Rogers at Mexico City reported today, or renewed immediately through diplomatic channels his suggestion that American troops be withdrawn from Mexico. Killed Carranza's ambassador here, telegraphed yesterday for instructions to guide him in informal conference he expects to have with Secretary Lansing.

Major General Scott, chief of staff, will reach here Monday from El Paso and confer with Secretary Lansing on the proposals by General Obregon.

Columbian dispatches today said the only Mexican troop movements of importance on the border region were the dispatch of forces from Sonora into the Yuma valley, where Indians are threatening new outbreaks, and the movement of the Saltillo garrison into the Big Bend vicinity to check bandit raids.

An order issued today by the war department permitting general Pershing to appoint general courts-martial to try cases arising among the troops under the necessity of sending them back to the border as taken as further indication of the decision of the administration to maintain the expedition in its present status indefinitely.

## VILLA REPORTED TO BE NEAR NEW MEXICO LINE

Field Headquarters near Natchitoches, Louisiana, May 12.—The wireless to Columbus, N. M., May 12, disclosed that American troops today are investigating a rumor that "Pancho Villa, the greatest bandit leader of the head of a band of 1,500 men, is in hiding in the mountains between Ascension, Chihuahua, 30 miles south of Columbus, N. M., and Culberson's ranch, about 55 miles west of Columbus on the American side of the frontier."

## PRESS REPORTS GIVE MAJOR SAMPLE WORD OF REPORT

Columbus, N. M., May 12.—Press reports today brought to Major W. E. Sample, zone commander, and Col. R. G. Sichel, commanding the border patrol, the first intimation that troops from Gen. J. Pershing's expeditionary force are investigating a rumor that Villa is in hiding in the Sierra Madre of northwestern Chihuahua.

A detachment of cavalry is stationed at Culberson's ranch and the today reported no knowledge of the presence of any large body of Mexicans in that vicinity. Cavalry stationed in the vicinity of Ascension, it is assumed here, is on a scouting tour to investigate the rumor, although official reports here said nothing of such a movement.

With the receipt of the report here it was pointed out that it had been previously reported that the Columbus raid was made by a band of 1,500 men, but so far as known, no detachments have been sent to investigate the report.

From Chihuahua City comes the information that Juan Lopez, Villa lieutenant, caught near Santa Fe, where last February he murdered eighteen Americans, has not been executed. He is being allowed to remain from his wounds before being put to death.

## SCOTT AND OBREGON MAKE AN UNWRITTEN AGREEMENT

Washington, May 12.—Disparaging Carranza troops northward toward the border in the Big Bend district of Chihuahua, reported in border offices, strengthens the belief that American and Mexican military authorities at El Paso had reached an unwritten agreement on cooperation along the border to prevent further bandit raids.

## Greatest Civic Parade is Plea for Preparation

Hundred Fifty-one Thousand Enthusiastic Men and Women March Through Streets of New York City.

(By Evening Herald Leased Wire) New York, May 12.—The greatest civic parade in the history of this country was witnessed here today with 151,000 enthusiastic men and women marching through flag-bordered streets as a demonstration in the belief in national preparedness. The line of marchers was estimated at twenty miles in length. It seemed as if all New York was in the streets and there was hardly a person who did not wear or wave the stars and stripes.

The paraders, headed by Mayor Mitchell, General Leonard Wood, and Rear Admiral Nathaniel H. Usher, were greeted with shouts of applause. The weather was perfect. With an atmosphere arising over the tower part of the city where the parade started, the first division swung into line at 9:30 o'clock. The procession was not to end until nearly midnight. The mayor's carriage was escorted by mounted police. So closely did they guard the mayor that he was scarcely visible to the spectators.

At 1:30 the head of the column reached the review stand at Madison Square park where the mayor, General Wood and Admiral Usher took places among other dignitaries to review the remainder of the parade.

The marchers from that point proceeded up Fifth avenue. The parade moved with precision and up to mid-afternoon there were no important incidents.

Boston, May 12.—The Charlestown navy yard, in which forty vessels of war had been assembled, was visited by thousands of persons today in connection with a navy day program arranged by the Massachusetts auxiliary of the naval relief society.

## MEDINA ORDERED HANGED JUNE 2; APPEAL PLANNED

Juan Montano, Who Knifed Marcos Baca to Death, Is Given 10 to 20 Years; String of Criminals Up for Sentence

Sentence of death was passed in the district court today on Jose Medina, the 19-year-old Mexican convicted of murdering Jose Chavez, the San Jose saloonkeeper.

Wasted and weakened by confinement and disease, Medina was barely able to stand before the bar and hear his doom pronounced.

"Jose Medina," said the court, "you are sentenced to be kept in the county jail until Friday, the second day of June, then taken from the county jail and hanged to the neck until you are dead. And may God have mercy on your soul."

Before passing sentence Judge Raymond overruled a motion for a new trial. It was said after court adjourned that W. A. Kellner, counsel for Medina, would ask for an appeal to the supreme court, which would act as a stay of execution. As a usual in such cases, it is probable that the appeal will not be asked until close to the day set for execution. Jail attendants and court officials said it was extremely probable that Medina would be hanged any great protest would be made in the matter of an appeal. He is a shadow of the 19-year-old youth trapped in the law's net a few weeks ago. He caught a heavy cold shortly after his arrest and it is believed that developed into an influenza, which he developed pneumonia, which in turn, developed into consumption.

Other Prisoners Sentenced.

Medina was one of a long string of convicted prisoners in for sentence. Another prisoner, charged with the murder of the late Jose Montano, who killed Marcos Baca in a death during a drunken quarrel, pleaded guilty to the second degree. He was sentenced to serve from ten to twenty years in the penitentiary.

Sentences were pronounced on men who pleaded guilty today to charges filed on information.

Pete Finger, once hanged for murder three months.

R. D. Noll, alias Ralph Dack, forgers, was sentenced to three years.

Sentences were passed on prisoners on men convicted during the term by the court.

Antonio Shuter, assault with intent to kill one year suspended.

Jose Romero and Pedro Jaramila, larceny one year to eighteen months suspended.

Antonio Cordova, assault with in-

jury, will, two years.

Philadelfo Contreras, refusing to assist officers, fined \$10, suspended.

Newton Henley, assault with deadly weapon, one year to eighteen months suspended.

The following who pleaded guilty when arraigned at the beginning of the term, were sentenced as noted:

Aureliano Carrasco, larceny, one year, suspended.

Abel Molina, larceny from person, two to three years.

Frank Ortiz, larceny, three to four years.

J. B. Davis, forgery, one to two years, suspended.

Manuel Castillo, larceny, six months each.

Jose Diaz, burglary and larceny, eighteen months to two years.

Charles King, larceny, del. Frisco, Frank, del. San Edouard, Walter Locke, gaming, from \$10, suspended.

In the cases of Richard Mattox, convicted of arson, and Jose Landeros, convicted of rape, sentences were passed because of pending motions.

## ENDING STRIKES MAIN TOPIC OF Y. M. C. A. TODAY

How Association Can Assist in Preventing or Terminating Industrial Differences Is Discussed.

(By Evening Herald Leased Wire) Cleveland, O., May 12.—The question of the attitude of the Young Men's Christian association in industrial strikes and how it may assist in preventing or terminating strikes is one of the leading questions being considered at the international convention in session here.

In the industrial section yesterday afternoon it was voted to name a committee of seven to frame a policy for presentation.

At this morning's session of the general convention, President W. McKee King, of the Hartford Theological seminary, made an address in connection with a report on vocational training.

Tomorrow morning delegates will attend special services at six downtown churches, and in the afternoon the convention will listen to Bishop William F. McDowell of Chicago and G. Sherwood Ruhl of New York.

## CONSUMPTION OF COTTON GREATER THAN LAST YEAR

Increase of 17,000 Bales in Amount Used in April Is Shown by Census Bureau Figures Made Public Today.

(By Evening Herald Leased Wire) Washington, May 12.—Cotton used during April amounted to 337,716 running bales, exclusive of lint, and for the nine months 3,365,295 bales, the census bureau announced today.

Last year 333,000 bales were used during April and 3,248,295 bales during the first nine months of the season.

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## DETENTION OF MAILS INTERFERES GREATLY WITH OCEAN FREIGHT

(By Evening Herald Leased Wire) San Francisco, May 12.—The detention of United States mails by British customs in Hong Kong has held up the arrival of a number of shipping companies. The San Francisco steamer Tibbetts from Batavia, via Hong Kong, arrived here May 1 and is now at anchor.

The bulk of letters received here today were in the mail which was taken off the ship in the British steamer at Hong Kong and not returned before the steamer sailed. The mail has not yet arrived.

## Cavalry Dashes to Rescue Trio of Captives of Outlaw Raiders

Major Langhorne and Squadron Making Drive Over the Sandy Hills of Mexico to Save Lives of Americans.

HOPE TO SURPRISE THE GLENN SPRINGS BANDITS

Supporting Column Pressing Forward at Only Slightly Lower Speed Than Advanced Forces.

(By Evening Herald Leased Wire) San Antonio, Tex., May 12.—Major George T. Langhorne and his flying squadron of the fifth cavalry are dashing over the white sandy hills of Mexico today in a supreme effort to outpace the Mexican raiders of Glenn Springs and Boquillas. They must also rescue alive, if possible, Jose Arceneo and two other Americans, John Woodson and P. Huffer, according to information reaching here today.

Crossing was made yesterday and military men here believe that by tonight Major Langhorne should have covered fifty miles in the chase after the bandits who were last reported at a point seventy miles south of the border from Boquillas in an abandoned cave.

Just behind Major Langhorne is Col. A. J. Macomber and a detachment of the Fourth cavalry, whose business it will be to expedite the matter of rushing supplies and forage to Langhorne and to fight off snipers.

## COAST ARTILLERYMEN ARRIVE AT MARATHON

Marathon, Tex., May 12.—One company of coast artillery from San Antonio, Tex., arrived here this morning. Part of it will go south to join Col. Frederick W. Shiley's expeditionary force, while the remainder will help garrison Marathon.

Colonel Shiley expects to have direct wire communication between Boquillas and Marathon by Sunday night.

## INSPECTOR GENERAL OF ARMY GOES TO FRONT

Chicago, May 12.—Col. George O. Cross, inspector general of the central department of the army, is on his way today to Fort Sam Houston, Tex., under orders to report for duty at the border. J. P. Moore, Nicholas F. Barron and R. M. Colby, adjutant clerks, also were ordered to the front from Chicago.

## COAST ARTILLERY REACHES FORT SAM HOUSTON

San Antonio, Tex., May 12.—Two companies of coast artillery reached Fort Sam Houston today. It is said at headquarters that all of the other companies included in the movement will be in by night, making a total of seven at this point. Four companies have been sent from their stations to strengthen the border forces at El Paso and Marathon.

General Funston will reach headquarters tonight after an absence of more than two weeks.

## REPORTS OF RAID BY MEXICANS INTO TEXAS DENIED

Do Rio, Tex., May 12.—There is no truth in a report of a raid last night by Mexicans in the vicinity of Sanders, Tex., it was learned here today. The report said Mexicans conducted a raid, killing a score of Americans.

## CONDEMNED MEN GET RIGHT TO APPEAL

(By Evening Herald Leased Wire) San Antonio, Tex., May 12.—A new law in life was granted Pedro Martinez and Lucio C. Hightower, condemned to death at the recent term of court in Grant county, yesterday when the state supreme court granted the right to appeal. Both were convicted on murder charges. A writ of mandamus directed against Judge John S. Nelson compelling him to grant the appeal asked by the men, was issued.

The men now have 120 days in which to perfect their appeal, pending which no action can be taken against them. The scaffold for their execution already had been built in silver city.

## RUSSIANS KIDNAP 15,000 PRUSSIAN

(By Evening Herald Leased Wire) Berlin, May 12 (U. P.).—The Chronicle of the Christian World, a religious weekly, said during the second Russian invasion of East Prussia, 15,000 women, children and old men were carried off to Russia, and that the fate of most of them is unknown, says the German News Agency. "It is stated 20,000 houses were looted and destroyed, thirteen churches demolished, twenty-six rectories and thirteen churches damaged and six laymen with their families were carried off."